(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal and the offers if any received for building the MRTS indicating the towns for which MRTS is to be provided; and

(c) Government's decision thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) : (a) to (c) A Feasibility Study was got conducted in 1989-90 for introducing Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) in Delhi. The study recommended introducing MRTS on a total distance of 184.5 kms. A presentation was made to Indian and foreign firms in December, 1991 to invite proposals for implementing the project on BOOT basis. No firm offers have been received in this regard.

A Feasibility Study was also got conducted for introducing MRTS in Hyderabad. The study recommended introducing Light Rail Transit System on a distance of 23 kms approximately. A joint Stock Company in the name of Urban Mass Transit Company (UMTC) has been set up to implement the project on BOOT basis. UMTC has invited "expressions of interest" from private parties to implement the project on BOOT/Turnkey basis. This exercise is still in a preliminary stage and a final position cannot be indicated in this regard.

Cheating Cases by Private Builders in Delhi

1620. SHRI O.P. KOHLI ;: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there have been cases of cheating people by private builders in Delhi;

(b) if so, how many cases have come to light/notice of Government during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to safeguard the interests of the people of Delhi from such builders/colonisers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) : (a) and (b) The Delhi Police have reported that 78 cases have been registered during the year 1991, 1992, 1993 & 1994 (upto 30-11-1994). The Delhi Development Authority have reported that M/s Rajendra Properties & Industries (P) Limited, lessee of plot No. 22 in Community Centre, Preet Vihar regarding disposal of some shops/space by fraudulent means, was received in the DDA. The matter was examined in DDA and entrusted to Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime & Railway) for action. The Hon'ble High Court have stayed the investigation against the alleged firm. The matter is pending in the Court. A large number of complaints of cheating were also received from the flat buyers in Tower Plot at Jhandewalan against M/s. Skipper Construction Co. (P) Ltd Since there is no privity of contract between DDA and the flat buyers and the matter is sub-judice, no cognizance was taken by the DDA.

(c) The Delhi Police has created a special Cell called Anti-land Grabbing Cell to monitor the activities of unscrupulous builders, colonisers and other property cheats As and when any complaint is received, proper legal action is taken by the Delhi Police under the provision of law against the culprits.

Maintenance of Government Quarters by CPWD

1621. SHRI O.P. KOHLI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there were large number of cases of water logging on the service roads, lawns and in parks in the Government colonies in the last monsoon seasons;

(b) if so, the reasons for not having taken steps to check water logging before onset of monsoon;

(c) whether jungle grass has grown all over the places in the Government colonies;

(d) if so, the reasons for horticulture department not cleaning the same;

(e) whether lawns and open spaces in Government colonies are not being sweeped and kept cleaned by the horticulture/ CPWD; if so, steps taken in this regard;

(f) the steps taken to replace cistern-tanks; overhead tanks, doors and window shutters etc. which are broken and need replacement; and